

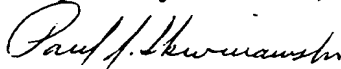
REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of the application, Applicant respectfully submits the foregoing specification amendments and the substitute claims. It is respectfully requested that examination of the application be performed taking into account the foregoing changes.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13-33 (all twenty-one claims presently existing in the application) are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing case No. 500.31617CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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